



**STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
SITTING AS THE LAW COURT**

**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO FILE AMICUS BRIEFS**

**Law Court invites amicus briefs on  
whether a Probate Court may deny a  
petition to change the petitioner's  
surname to that of a "friend" because  
it may create the false impression that  
the petitioner and the friend are married.**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae in the appeal of *In re Carol Boardman*, Law Court docket number Cum-16-421. The Probate Court denied Carol Boardman's petition to change her surname to that of a friend on the ground that "doing so will give the public [the false] impression they are a married couple." Boardman appeals.

Boardman's brief and the appendix are available on the Court's website at [www.courts.maine.gov/quick/boardman](http://www.courts.maine.gov/quick/boardman). There is no appellee.

An amicus brief may be filed by or on behalf of any individual, entity, or group of individuals and/or entities without separate leave of the Court. Any amicus brief must be filed on or before **January 4, 2017**. An amicus

brief must be filed at the address listed below, and must comply with M.R. App. P. 7(c), 9(e)(1), and 9(f). In addition to filing and serving the required number of copies, any amicus must send a copy of the brief electronically, as a single “native” or text-based .pdf file, to [lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov](mailto:lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov).

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